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Respectfully submitted,



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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 22, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the species directed to Embodiment III of the invention depicted in Figures 15-19. It should be noted that the Embodiment of Figures 15-19 includes Figures 7-14. (See, *e.g.*, paragraph 80 of the patent application as filed, wherein it is stated that "Figure 15 shows the structure of Figure 12 after further processing.") In accordance with Examiner's requirement that Applicant list all claims readable thereon, Applicant identifies apparatus claims 17-20, 24, 26-33, 35, 38-77, 80-82, and 84-87.

The Office Action asserted that there are currently no generic claims. Applicants respectfully disagree. Independent claim 17 reads on Embodiments I, II, and III, and independent claims 50 and 81 read on Embodiments II and III. Accordingly, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are

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written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment and remarks as set forth hereinafter.